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Applicant: Thomas A. Silvestrini
 Serial No.: 08/993,946
 Filing Date: December 18, 1997
 Title: CORNEAL IMPLANT METHODS AND PLIABLE IMPLANT THEREFOR

Examiner: Willse, David H.

Group Art Unit: 3738

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 Washington, D.C. 20231

NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
 AND INTERFERENCES

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated December 18, 2001 of the Examiner rejecting claims 1-17, 20, 21, 23 and 24. The items checked below are appropriate.

Appeal Fee:

Large Entity Fee of \$320.00; or

Small Entity Fee of \$160.00.

Applicant(s) claim Small Entity Status under 37 CFR § 1.27.

Petition for Extension of Time (3 mos.)

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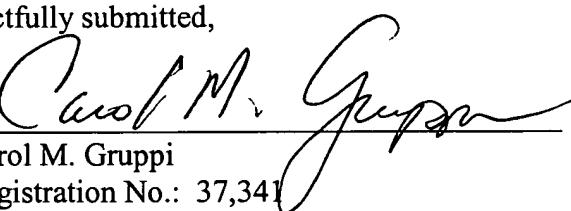
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